Spanish Ladies



Chorus:

We'll rant and we'll roar like true British sailors, We'll rant and we'll roar across the salt seas; Until we strike soundings in the Channel of old England From Ushant to Scilly 'tis thirty-five leagues.

Then we hove our ship to, with the wind at sou'-west. my boys, Then we hove our ship to, for to strike soundings clear; Then we filled up the main topsail and bore right away, my boys, And straight up the Channel of old England did steer.

So the first land we made it is called the Deadman, Next Ram Head off Plymouth, Start, Portland and the Wight; We sail-ed by Beachy, by Fairly and Dungeness, And then bore away for the South Foreland light.

Now the signal it was made for the grand fleet to anchor, All on the Downs that night for to meet; Then stand by your stoppers, see clear your shank-painters, Haul all your clew gernets, stick out tacks and sheets.

Now let every man take off his full bumper, Let every man take off his full bowl; For we will be jolly and drown melancholy, With a health to each jovial and true-hearted soul.